



CADET JAMES F. PROWTEN... aged 19, former popular student and athlete in Torrance high school, who met death in the crash of his pilot training plane at Thunderbird Field II, near Phoenix, Ariz., last Monday while engaged in a routine mission. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prowten, live at 2512 Torrance Blvd. in Torrance. He was accepted in the Army on March 12, 1943, and selected to train for service in the Army Air Forces. He graduated from T. H. S. in the Winter Class of '43.

## Flying Cadet Prowten Killed in Plane Crash at Thunderbird Field

Aviation Cadet James F. Prowten, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prowten, 2512 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, made the supreme sacrifice for his country last Monday while on a routine mission during flight in a training plane near Thunderbird Field II, located 25 miles east of Phoenix, Ariz.

## Conner Clears Confusion on Postage Rates

Postmaster C. Earl Conner advises that there is considerable confusion among the general public over the new postal rates which became effective during the past week.

There are some, the postmaster says, who do not understand that the rate on out of town letters has not been changed. Three cents will carry any letter weighing one ounce or fraction thereof. He emphasized that the rate on local letters has been raised—the new rate is now 3 cents per ounce or fraction thereof, instead of 2 cents.

Regarding air mail rates to men and women in the armed services, the rate is 6 cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof addressed for delivery overseas. This includes letters addressed A.P.O. at New York City, N. Y.; San Francisco, Calif.; Miami, Fla.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Presque Isle, Me., and Seattle, Wash.

Also to F.P.O.—New York City, N. Y.; San Francisco, Calif., and Seattle, Wash.

Air mail letters for delivery anywhere in continental U. S. weighing one ounce or fraction thereof must bear 8 cents postage.

Post cards may still be sent for 1 cent postage.

**Money Order Boost**

Banks throughout the country—selling money orders of their own—generally are expected to charge less than the government.

This probably will mean more money orders sold by the banks, fewer by the government.

Congress did the raising, boosting all postal rates until six months after the war.

Here are the new money order rates, with the old ones, in cents, given in parentheses:

One cent to \$2.50—10 cents (6); \$2.51 to \$5, 14 cents (11); \$5.01 to \$10, 19 cents (11); \$10.01 to \$20, 22 cents (13); \$20.01 to \$40, 25 cents (15); \$40.01 to \$60, 30 cents (18); \$60.01 to \$80, 34 cents (20); \$80.01 to \$100, 37 cents (22).

Various banks will have rates which differ from one another but here is an example, the rates charged by one bank for its money orders:

One cent to \$10, 10 cents; \$10.01 to \$20, 15 cents; \$20.01 to \$50, 20 cents.

Banks' registered and certified checks also may cut into the post office business.

## T.H.S. Students Plan for School Carnival Apr. 21

Preparations are being advanced at Torrance High school for a school carnival to be held Friday afternoon and evening, April 21, being the first event of its kind to be observed at Torrance for seven years.

With Miss Barbara Locke, mathematics teacher, and Olin Hoyt, science teacher, acting as faculty sponsors, plans for the attraction were revealed before a student body assembly last week. A student executive board, composed of three senior students—Tom Nuckles, Paul Pierson and Marvin Kent—framed plans for the most extensive student activity at Torrance High for some years, with student and faculty approval.

Entertainment and refreshment booths, to be constructed by pupils from the boys' wood shop, will constitute the many side attractions which will be located in and around the school tennis courts. Prizes will be awarded to winners of competitive contests and a charge of 5 cents for admission will be maintained at each stall. Assets derived from the sale of these and other tickets will revert to the student body treasury, pending use in the purchasing of athletic and orchestra equipment for the school. Student groups and home rooms will be responsible for the maintaining of the concessions, which will range from dart games to a "spook house."

The highlight of the carnival will be a dance held in the evening during which time a carnival queen will be elected and crowned on the merit of tickets sold to feature attractions. Competitive candidates for this honorary position will be: Norma Hammond, Joan Clark, Carolyn Mitchell, Naida Mitchell, Winona Ely and Phyllis Hargett.

Student chairman for decoration, finance, refreshments, police and advertising will be: Betty Goettsch, Barbara Moyer, Elsa Stanley, Jim Post and Bill Goodyear respectively. Work co-chairmen will be Bob Leech and John Agapito; for cleanup, Don Johnson and Bert Smith.

**T.H.S. Graduate**  
Cadet Prowten was graduated from the Torrance High school in the winter class of 1943. He then entered UCLA to take a course in business administration but left there just before induction into the Army on March 12 of that year. He began his basic training at Kearns Field, Utah, going later to the Army Air Base at Santa Ana, from which he was transferred to Thunderbird Field II for advanced flight instruction. He had expected to finish his pilot training within six months to receive his "wings" and commission as a second lieutenant.

**Active in Athletics**

While a student at Torrance High school James Prowten took an active part in athletics. During his sophomore and senior years he made an outstanding record as right tackle on the school's football team. He was a letterman in basketball in the season of 1941 and again in 1942, also of the varsity football and track teams of 1942.

**Born at Hayward**

Cadet Prowten was born at Hayward, Calif., on Oct. 30, 1924. He is survived by his parents and one brother, Charles, 22, who received a medical discharge from the Army several months ago and returned home. He is now employed in defense work at Long Beach.

At the request of his parents, the body of Cadet Prowten will be shipped to Stone & Myers Mortuary in Torrance. The funeral will be at the Stone & Myers funeral chapel Saturday at 2 p.m., Rev. Harry Brantley of the Methodist church officiating.

**Pvt. Rolland Nelson Dead in Philippines**

Pvt. 1/c Rolland R. Nelson, who enjoyed the acquaintance of many friends in Torrance, has been reported missing by the War Department, according to a letter received from his sister, Mrs. Marian Gresham of Los Angeles, by the local branch of the American Red Cross.

He was stationed at March Field from Sept. 1, 1940, to October, 1941, when he was sent to the Philippine Islands where he was taken prisoner by the Japanese after the fall of Bataan. Through the Red Cross agencies abroad it was learned he was reported dead last Jan. 27.

**Winter '45 Class Sweaters Given to Students on April 11**

Presentation of class sweaters of the winter '45 class will climax a split staged in the Torrance High auditorium Color day, Tuesday, April 11.

The class sweaters, colors as yet unrevealed, will herald the new senior A students at Torrance High for the coming semester. Although details for the color day program are still lacking, announcement as to the program committee has been made. Committeemen include: Irene Hippik, Bernice Cline, Doris Robinette, Shirley Lee, Ethelyn Rusk, Ruth Gibson, Don Johnson and Bert Smith. Miss Marguerite Jones, commercial arts teacher, will act as advisor.

## Let's Lift The Shades; Take Down The Timbers

By Grover C. Whyte

An Editorial

With ten councilmanic candidates focusing the spotlight on municipal affairs, it seems timely to suggest that city officials spread a little more light on our darkened streets by removing the dim-out shades on the street lamps—an action now long overdue.

By no stretch of the imagination can anyone claim the dilapidated shades are required as a war measure, as dim-out regulations were lifted by the military months ago. In fact, the Western Defense Command over six months ago ordered the removal of dim-out shades on the Pacific Coast Highway, which runs along the ocean shoreline. Other municipalities have long since banned their street-lamp shades in order to give added protection on streets crowded with war-time traffic, both by automobiles and pedestrians.

When the lamp posts were installed in Torrance, they were widely spaced in order to reduce the cost. Since then, the candlepower of the lights has been materially reduced by the installation of smaller watt globes. While there may be some excuse for confining the use of the smaller candlepower lights as a power conservation measure, there certainly is no reason for shielding the limited illumination by dim-out shades.

As long as we are at war, there is a possibility of attack, and for this reason blackout regulations are still in effect. But in case of a blackout, the lights would be completely extinguished.

And while we're cleaning up the war debris, there's that deplorable "blockade" next to the civic auditorium which should come down. The silly idea of protecting the sides of a building and leaving the roof exposed always was a joke, and for the sake of civic attractiveness should be removed. We're tired of explaining the monstrosity to newcomers in town—especially when there is no logical explanation.

## Mail Carrier System Extension Becomes Effective Next Saturday

Starting next Saturday morning, free delivery mail service of the Torrance postoffice will be extended to portions of the city and environs heretofore not reached by the mailman.

Postmaster C. Earl Conner has received authorization to start one mounted and one foot carrier on new routes. The new mounted route will serve the housing project and trailer camp between Western and Normandie

Two additional carriers will be employed and one delivery will be made daily for the duration, according to Postmaster Conner.

Inauguration of the extended service is the result of efforts initiated by the postmaster last year and followed up by representations to the postoffice department by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Some time ago the department sent two special investigators to make a survey of the situation which recommended the extended service to this community with employment of two more carriers.

Under the extension of service the Pueblo district will be served by Rural Route No. 1, Postmaster Conner said.

## Many Matters of Routine Come Before Torrance City Council

The session of the city council Tuesday night lasted more than three hours, being devoted almost entirely to matters of routine character. Numerous communications were read by Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

One was a letter from D. E. Andrews, regional director of the California Civilian Defense organization, advising that all offices of the CD in the state had been closed but that three field offices, however, are to be maintained—in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento—staffed with personnel sufficient to carry on the functions and responsibilities of the California State War Council.

**Walteria Complaints**  
Two complaints were received from the Walteria Civic Organization, one referring to overflow from the Charles H. Quandt tank which is discharged into Neece st. to create a nuisance. The clerk was instructed to notify Quandt that the situation must be remedied without delay. Poor service in the collection of garbage and rubbish constituted the other complaint and it was referred to the contractor for attention and report.

**Application Granted**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Douglas, purchasers of the old American Legion Assembly Hall on Carson st., were given permission to erect a temporary tent house on the premises for use not to exceed six months during demolition of the quake damaged building and erection of a residence from the salvaged material.

Preliminary steps were taken toward inauguration of the state retirement fund to create a retirement fund for city employees. An allocation of not to exceed \$350 for a survey to determine costs was ordered.

**Chiefs Want Ethyl**  
The chief of police and chief of the fire department complained of trouble with equipment attributed to use of low grade gasoline. They wanted to know if a better grade of ethyl gas, especially for quick starting of essential equipment, could be obtained.

An ordinance regulating future sale of tax deed property and another pertaining to the raising of poultry within the city limits came up for final reading and were adopted. The latter is aimed to "silence" crowing roosters in certain restricted places within the city. The ordinance granting a pipeline franchise to the Texaco Company was read for the second time and adopted.

Three resolutions were presented and adopted, one pertaining to acceptance of bids for tax deed lands, another authorizing renewal of the lease on the building occupied by the branch library at Walteria, and the third designating polling places and appointment of election officers for the municipal election to be held on April 11.

A new ordinance granting a franchise to the National Supply Company to construct and operate a pipeline for transportation of oil and liquid hydrocarbon products within the city was introduced and read for the first time.



EDWARD L. MCCALL... son of John E. McCall of Torrance, who has been inducted into the Army, reported today at Fort MacArthur. Being a student of the ministry he hopes to be assigned to duties as an assistant chaplain with the armed forces.

## Edw. L. McCall Hopes to Become Army Chaplain

Edward McCall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCall, is in the army in Texas. He passed the required physical examinations last Friday and was inducted in Los Angeles with orders to report to Fort MacArthur today for further instructions. He hopes to be assigned to duty in due time as assistant chaplain and is awaiting decision of the U. S. Adjutant General's office in Washington.

Young McCall was born in New Orleans Feb. 25, 1926. He came with his parents to Los Angeles in 1929 and to Torrance in 1936. He attended Torrance High school in 1942 and entered Warren Easton Boys High school in New Orleans in 1943, graduating in that year. Soon afterward he entered Baylor University in Waco, Texas, to study for the ministry. He dropped out of Baylor only last month after pleading with his parents to give their permission to go into the Army.

He told his parents that he couldn't feel just right to see so many young men going off to war to fight in defense of their country while he was wearing civilian clothes. "I want to get into an Army uniform and go along with them. You know a lot of them are my friends, boys I have known for some time and have been classmates of mine," he wrote before the parental permission came.

The young soldier has always been religiously inclined and made up his mind when only 14 years of age that he was going to study to become a minister. He was baptized in the First Baptist church in Los Angeles in 1933. He has been a chaplain in the Boy Scout organizations. He was licensed as a Baptist minister by the First Baptist church of New Orleans in September, 1943.

While the war has interrupted his college studies he feels it is his first duty to work among the young men of the Army. When he left for Fort MacArthur this morning he wore his civilian clothes. "I hope they'll have my Army uniform ready. I am anxious to get dressed up in it. It will be a proud day for me," he declared.

## Permit Issued To Reconstruct School Building

The Los Angeles High School District this week was issued a permit from the Torrance city engineer's office to reconstruct the science building on the high school campus, which was condemned following the earthquake which caused havoc in this community in November of 1941.

Cost of the improvement was estimated at \$53,200 and it is expected work will be started on the rehabilitation project early in April.

This program has been in contemplation for some time, according to Harold Perry, principal of the high school, and it is hoped the job will be completed late in the summer or early in the fall.

"We are hoping it will be ready for occupancy in time for the opening of the first semester in September, which will greatly relieve the existing shortage of classrooms," Perry said.

## Individual Quota of \$8,000 for Red Cross War Fund 'Over Top'; Institutions Slow to Report

The Red Cross War Fund Drive made fine progress this week. When Mrs. Lola Hoover, Torrance Branch American Red Cross chairman, this morning looked over the list of contributions received from individuals to date she discovered that the \$8,000 quota set up for this classification had been over-subscribed by nearly \$1,000 and there are several days more to go before the campaign is ended.

### RED CROSS DONATIONS

Below is a list of subscriptions and totals to date: Institutions' contributions this week: Superior Oil Co. \$ 400 Felker Manufacturing Co. 265 Previously reported 850 Total \$1515

### Individual subscriptions:

National Supply Co. Employees	\$3450
U. S. Postoffice Employees	110
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Felker	100
J. J. Newberry Co.	37.50
Evalyn R. Slack	52
Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Lincoln	52
Mrs. W. A. Laughon	25
Torrance Brass Co.	25
Torrance C. of C.	25
Mrs. C. E. Carstens	25
Mrs. Bessie Myers	25
Discount Drug Co.	25
Mrs. Lewis F. Harris	25
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Huber	25
Edna Gishwiller	25
Anonymous	25
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller	20
So. California Gas Co.	20
Van De Kamp Bakery employees	15
John Ritchie	15
Mrs. C. F. Kendall	13
Mrs. E. S. Moon	12
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen	12
Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Dewey	12
Viva Wright	12
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hitchcock	10
Mrs. A. P. Stevenson	10
Dean L. Sears	10
W. A. Beecher	10
John T. Robinson	10
Mrs. R. J. Selkirk	10
Mrs. Mary Page	10
W. H. Bratton	10
Leah Bratton	10
United Sulphur Co.	10
McCown Drug Co.	10
Buckeye Cafe	10
Mrs. Kelly	10
E. A. Day	10
Mrs. David H. Jones	10
Gold Star Restaurant	10
Mrs. P. Meacham	10
L. Harrington	10
Dr. Clarence Ingold	10
Mrs. Clarence Ingold	10
Mrs. Ernest Robb	10
Luther Munford	10
Mrs. John Keefer	10
George Beidler	10
W. R. Ames	10
Mrs. Wollenweber	10
Dr. O. E. Fossam	10
Mrs. Mary Page	10
Dr. Clarence Ingold	10
Mrs. Earl Kent	10
J. Downing	10
Mrs. Joseph McKenna	10
Donald Pierson	10
Employees Martin Tool & Die Co.	9
Dorothy Winans	9
Mrs. Merle Youngken	5
Mrs. Margaret Förlide	5
E. W. Quimby	5
Ruth Blackburn	5
Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Gansereit	5
Mrs. Jessie Butterfield	5
Winifred Ruffel	5
Patty Post	5
Frank Kasper	5
Boy Scout Troop 241	5
Mr. M. Lane	5
Phoebe Fulton	5
Compass	5
Mrs. K. Schunaker	5
Virginia Scott	5
Schilling's Cleaners	5
Mrs. Joe Eisenbrandt	5
Elizabeth McPheeters	5
Mrs. Al Draper	5
Mrs. Marguetta Henry	5
William F. Totten	5
S. B. Anderson	5
George Buey	5
Mrs. Eva Fritz	5
Esther Maxwell	5
Lt. Fred A. Lincoln	5
Mrs. J. S. Lancaster	5
Mrs. J. F. Carrigan	5
Mrs. O. A. McGhan	5
G. H. Miley	5
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Crowell	5
Mrs. R. L. Grose	5
Old Amness	5
Margon Pettit	5
Marjorie Northrup	5
George Johnson	5
Thomas Parisi	5
Mrs. Sidney Welch	5
Mrs. William Edwards	5
Mrs. H. Jacob Flock	5
Mrs. Walter Bjorneby	5
Charles Chaplin	5
Mr. and Mrs. Fields	5
Mrs. Hattie McNeese	5
Ila M. Gilbert	5
Bert Dye	5
Mrs. Tuttle	5
Mrs. Ann Taylor	5
Nick's Cafe	5
Mrs. P. L. Hoffman	5
Anonymous	5

Robert McKay 5  
Mary Towler 5  
Horace Woods 5  
Mr. and Mrs. Weis 5  
Mr. and Mrs. George Davis 5  
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnson 5  
Mark McElvaine 5  
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Appenzeller 5  
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Boyd 5  
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sneyser 5  
Mrs. Thomas J. Adams 5  
Mrs. A. C. Thum 5  
Mrs. Hillman R. Lee 5  
Mrs. Richard H. Bishop 5  
Susan Maye and Charleen Schroeder 5  
Mrs. Phillip Rupp 5  
Mrs. W. J. Harrison 5  
Mrs. J. B. Scotton 5  
Harry R. Clark 5  
H. Wesley Rolf 5  
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K. E. Bradley	5
Donys Ablard	5
Bernice Daughmer	5
Mabel E. Teffan	5
Mary Newman	5
Allan H. Bull	5
Mrs. Mary Dunn	5
Pfc. John K. Delano	5
Mrs. Caroline E. Delano	5
A/S David W. Delano	5
William Kempen	5
Helen Siligo	5
J. Beene	5
Mrs. Cora Boaler	5
Marian Lindeman	5
Arthur C. Ralner	5
Mrs. Bertha Wallace	5
Grace Stewart	5
J. H. King	5
Mrs. J. M. Kirk	5
Rosellen Strachan	5

3 contributions @ \$1.	\$12.00
1 contribution @ \$3.	42.00
1 contribution @ \$2.50.	2.50
31 contributions @ \$2.	62.00
1 contribution @ \$1.85.	1.85
1 contribution @ \$1.70.	1.70
93 contributions @ \$1.	93.00
1 contribution @ 75c.	.75
1 contribution @ 60c.	.60
5 contributions @ 50c.	2.50
1 contribution @ 40c.	.40
1 contribution @ 35c.	.35
Total reported for week ending March 29.	\$8212.15
Previously reported.	\$9048.61
Total to date.	\$8260.76

## Nutrition Class Opening April 18 In Civic Auditorium

Sponsored by the canteen committee of the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross, a nutrition class will be started at the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Tuesday, April 18, and continue thereafter for five successive Tuesdays at the same place and time, according to announcement made today by Mrs. Julia Neelands, canteen chairman, who requests all women interested to attend.

Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Neelands at phone 133. If she cannot be contacted there, call phone 697, where details of the program may be obtained.